

January 21, 2015
8:35 a.m.
Newport, Oregon

The Parks and Recreation Committee of the City of Newport met on the above date in the Newport Recreation Center.

Members present were Ed Simon, Sandra Surber, Nancy Steinberg, Karen Smith, Fred Springsteen, Alisha Kern, Kevin Greenwood, Paul Stangeland, Mark Saelens, City Council Liaison. Absent: Jennie Scarborough.

Staff/Guests Present: Parks and Recreation Director Jim Protiva.

Action Items

MOTION was made by Greenwood to approve the corrected minutes of the December 17, 2014 meeting. Springsteen seconded. The motion carried unanimously in a voice vote.

Election of Officers

MOTION was made by Greenwood to elect Ed Simon as Chairperson and Nancy Steinberg as Vice-Chairperson for 2015. Stangeland seconded. The motion carried unanimously in a voice vote. Simon thanked Smith for her work as Vice-Chairperson in 2014.

Public Comment

None.

Director's Report

Protiva noted that all departments and committees within the City were requested by the City Manager to produce a list of goals for 2015. Protiva handed out a list he had prepared and asked the Committee if they wished to discuss or add to the list. Saelens discussed the process that would be taken for goal-setting at the City Council level. Greenwood stated that he thought the Parks & Recreation Committee was one component of the various groups Protiva would use to develop the final list. The Committee discussed various aspects of focus for future goals. Steinberg said she would like to add two goals to complete in the year; the "smoking in City parks" issue, and the other was financial improvements to the foundation. Surber asked if they could have some type of "trails maintenance request" process and also if we could ask people to post selfies of our activities on social media. Saelens stated that he believed that the Parks Master Plan could address some of these issues and asked if there was a smaller project they might want to have as a back-up plan in case the master plan wasn't funded. Saelens expressed interest in developing a Parks and Trail Guide.

Protiva mentioned the Pacific Edge Invitational Gymnastics Tournament that would be taking place at the Rec. Center at the end of the month. He added that there would be a local team participating this year.

Protiva handed out the monthly report which highlights activities and statistics for December. Simon reported that the report mentioned that one of the Rec. Center employees, Rafael Lara, had won the City's Elton Pier award this year and it was good to recognize employees who work hard.

Sub-Committee Comments

Municipal Pool: Saelens asked if there had been a meeting he missed as he had not received notice of it. Protiva noted that a meeting had been held to review the latest schematic design and to figure out how contingency funds would be used.

Tree City USA: Steinberg stated that the renewal application had been sent off and they were waiting for notice of approval. The Committee discussed the requirements of being designated a Tree City USA.

Rec. Center, Programming, Sports, Events: Kern asked if anything was being done about the water/sewer problem that affected the Rec. Center when it rained heavily. Protiva responded that the sewer line would be re-routed during the building of the new pool.

Foundation: Springsteen stated that the Foundation's annual meeting would be held immediately following the Parks and Recreation Committee meeting. They will be looking for a grant writer and ideas for fundraisers, but they are having trouble finding people to assist in those efforts.

Parks, Trails & Forests:

Pump Track: Protiva reported that he is continuing to work on a pump track location and appears that the Wilder property may be a suitable site.

Forest Park Management Plan: Saelens gave an update on the Management Plan for Forest Park, stating that OCCFA was pursuing a grant to write a management plan for the park, with two or three funding possibilities.

Coast Guard Station Trail. Protiva noted that there was nothing to report on the Coast Guard Station Trail.

Additional Items

Steinberg noted that the "Smoking in Parks" sub-committee had met and they are hoping to have a policy for the Committee to review at the February meeting.

Surber mentioned that Loyalty Days was coming up and she thought that the Rec. Center should coordinate people that use the facility such as the swim team, men's basketball team, and gymnastics and soccer teams to walk in the parade or ride on a flatbed so that the community realized how many people use the Rec. Center.

Greenwood mentioned that the Port, as part of the mitigation plan with NOAA, was going to be putting in a non-motorized, kayak, surf, launch off of the South Jetty. They hope to have it done within the next year.

Develop Next Agenda

Smoking in City Parks - sub-committee presentation
Loyalty Days Float
2015 Goals update

Meeting Schedule

The next meeting is scheduled for February 18, 2015.

Adjournment

Adjournment - Having no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:46 a.m.